



Virginia Aviation Board Workshop Minutes

The Virginia Aviation Board conducted a meeting at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 23, 2006 at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, 110 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia 24016.

ATTENDEES

Roger L. Oberndorf, Chairman	Present
Richard C. Franklin, Jr.	Present
Larry T. Omps	Present
Robert S. Dix	Present
William J. Kehoe	Absent
Marianne M. Radcliff, Vice Chairman	Present
Alan L. Wagner	Present
Bob Johnson	Absent

OTHER ATTENDEES

John J. Beall, Jr.	Counsel
Randall Burdette	Director, Department of Aviation (DOAV)
Terry Page	FAA

DOAV Staff, Federal Government Representatives, Airport Managers and Sponsors, Consultants, Engineers, State Government Representatives, Business Owners, and City & County Representatives.

- 1. Welcome.....Roger L. Oberndorf
Chairman**
- 2. 2006-2007 Airport Capital
ProgramMike Swain, P.E.
Manager
Airport Engineering Section**

Mr. Swain discussed eight airports requesting entitlement utilization funds. Six airports are submitting additional information. Two are ready for approval from the Board. (Richmond and Shenandoah Valley).

Mr. Omps asked Mike Swain to explain the priority system for security. A first come, first served basis under GA volunteer security.

CAF Funds Available for August 2006.

Air Carrier/Reliever
\$5,974,258.35

General Aviation
\$3,089,347.18

Project Requests:

Region 1

Lee County
Mountain Empire
New River Valley
Tazewell County
Twin County
Virginia Highlands
Virginia Tech-Montgomery Executive

Mr. Omph asked why we fund furniture. Board policy, public use furniture only will be funded. Board might need to look at this policy in the future.

The Board discussed at length several airports where funding was not recommended because of unmitigated FAR Part 77 Obstructions and state standards. There were complaints from airport sponsors/managers about the timing of letters sent by the Department concerning this issue and the loss of funds requested.

Mr. Wagner recommended to prevent this from happening again we have regular routine glide slope or airspace surveys done, if the Department needs to assist they will that year, the sponsor needs to provide and send certification with their funding request. If you're notified or you find that there is a problem you have 60 days to correct the problem and get certification to be eligible for funds. Funding requests can still be submitted during that 60 day period.

Mr. Dix agreed that the 60 days would give the airports time in case there are problems concerning the locations of the obstructions.

Mr. Wagner stated the reason he suggested 60 days was he thought 90 or 120 days is a pretty large delay for construction issues and funding and that is a high priority issue. The board meets every 60 days and would be dealing with large amounts of information and funding decisions in between meetings. Suggested a 10-day notification prior the meeting.

The Chairman appointed Mr. Dix and Mr. Wagner, as a temporary committee, to draft a proper motion to be presented at Friday morning's meeting.

Mrs. Radcliff wanted to know when the motion is presented on Friday, when it would become effective. Mr. Chairman replied that the effective date would be a part of the motion and would have to be considered when drafting the motion.

Region 3

**Culpeper
Front Royal
Gordonsville
Leesburg
Luray Caverns
Manassas
New Market
Orange
Stafford
Warrenton-Fauquier
Winchester**

Ms. Peggy Miles, Manager, Orange County spoke requesting the staff reconsider their request for funding. They are working diligently to solve their obstruction problems and hoping their funding request would be approved.

Mr. Omps commented on the excessive cost for a wash rack at Winchester. He asked the staff to work with DEQ and try to come up with a wash rack design when the cost would be more reasonable. He also commented the design cost for terminals need to be reviewed. He suggested that the design build process might be used to save money.

Region 5

**Brookneal/Campbell
Chase City
Danville
New London
William M. Tuck**

William Tuck Airport requested funding for T-Hangar Site Preparation. The Board approved this project a year and half ago for them to go ahead and pursue this project on their own to be reimbursed when funds are available. At this meeting they reapplied and DOAV recommended disapproval due to insufficient CAF funds and last year they missed the deadline to apply for funding. The staff could not find where the Board asked that this project go to the top of the priority list for this original request. Mr. Omps and Mr. Wagner said we need to meet our obligations. Board considering moving this airport to the top of the priority list and making either a two or four year payout. The board will present proposals at Thursday's meeting for consideration and for possible approval at Friday's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.